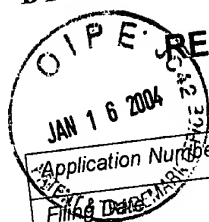


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

(Under 37 CFR § 1.114))

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
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 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other
 - b. X Enclosed
 - i. X Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - b. Other
3. Fees

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 - iii. Other enclosed
 - b. Check in the amount of \$
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